

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:2166

ANSWERED ON:01.12.2000

DEMAND OF CABLE OPERATORS

M. JAGANNATH;MALYALA RAJIAH;SATYAVRAT CHATURVEDI;SUNDER LAL TWARI

Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

- (a) whether cable operators went on strike in the month of September, 2000;
- (b) whether Cable T.V. Operators United Front have submitted a memorandum against the Cable T.V. Networks (Regulation) Act, 2000;
- (c) if so, the details of demands of the cable operators;
- (d) the reaction of the Government thereto; and
- (e) the check of control exercised by the Government on foreign satellite channels?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING

(SMT. SUSHMA SWARAJ)

(a): Cable Operators of Delhi and surrounding areas went on strike in the month of September, 2000.

(b) & (c): Yes, Sir. They had, inter alia, expressed apprehension of liability of adherence to the Programme and Advertising Codes by them for all the channels transmitted by them.

(d): It was clarified to them that their primary responsibility for the compliance with the Broadcast Code is with regard to their own channels. They were also informed that the satellite channels will be primarily responsible for adherence to the Programme and Advertising Code with regard to their channels, and, in case of violations of such Codes by the Satellite Channels, the Ministry will notify such channels so that their retransmission can be stopped by the cable operator.

(e): The programmes of foreign satellite channels when retransmitted through cable networks, are required to adhere to the programme and advertisement codes prescribed under the Cable Television Networks Rules, 1994. In case of continuous violation of the codes by them, the Ministry will notify such channels for prohibiting their retransmission by cable operators in the country.